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In early October, the PK school in Berlin-Treptow had a personnel strength of about 1,500 men, 1,100 of whom were students, and the remainder were officer instructors and cadre personnel. The school consisted of 10 companies. The first 8 companies were students ranking from junior lieutenant to senior lieutenant, while the 9th and 10th Cos were formed by officer candidates ranking from corporal to senior sergeant. Each company consisted of 4 platoons with 3 squads to each platoon.

The purpose of the school is to establish political cadres for the new national army. The current training course was scheduled to be completed on 20 December 1952. After graduation from the school, the students are qualified as battalion PK officers. Division PK officers must attend a central school in the U.S.S.R.

3. The training at the school was mostly political indoctrination. However, basic infantry training, training in and ballistics, basic infantry, artillery and tank tactics are also conducted at the school. Map reading, signal communications and engineer methods are also taught.
4. Weapons available at the school in early October included: Soviet 122-mm mortars, German and Soviet 80-mm mortars, Soviet heavy Maxim machine guns, German model 08 heavy machine guns, Soviet light machine guns with disk magazine, German model 34 light machine guns, Soviet submachine guns with drum magazines, German models 38, 42 and 44 submachine guns, Soviet model 38 carbines with a folding bayonet, German model 98 carbines, Soviet model 1952 76.2-mm army pistols, German model 08 pistols, Belgian model FN 76.2-mm pistols and Polish model Radom 90-mm pistols.

5. The following officers were known by last name and rank [REDACTED]
Colonel Dickel School commandant, a veteran of the Spanish Civil War.
Lieutenant Colonel Hierlich Adjutant.

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Colonel Schwab	Deputy to the school commandant and PK officer. In 1933, he emigrated to the U.S.S.R. where he was a student of political science.
Major Fritz Pfennig	Political control officer.
Lieutenant Ullrich	2d propagandist.
Senior Lieutenant Ullrich	Youth secretary.
Junior Lieutenant Leiste	PK officer (film)
Lieutenant Colonel Richard Hinz	Chief of staff. In 1933, he emigrated to the U.S.S.R. and is said to have conducted training courses for German PIs.
Major Schulze	Supply officer.
Captain Bernig	Instructor for the history of the Soviet Communist Party. He attended the Antifa school in Moscow.
Colonel Martinenkov	Sovietnik.
Dr Topp	Physician of the unit, a surgeon of the VP hospital on Scharnhorst Strasse.
Senior Lieutenant Koehler	Commanding officer of the 5th Co. He attended the Antifa school in Moscow.
Senior Lieutenant Rathmann	PK officer of the 5th Co. He attended the central school in Moscow.
Lieutenant Potlike	Instructor of the 1st Platoon. He attended the Karl Marx Academy.
Junior Lieutenant Lorenz	Instructor of the 2d Platoon. He attended the Karl Marx Academy.
Lieutenant Rudolf Franz	Instructor of the 3d Platoon. He attended the KP school in Torgau.
Lieutenant Bionek	Instructor of the 4th Platoon. He attended the PK school in Treptow.
Senior Lieutenant Masnitz	Commanding officer of the 4th Platoon. He was previously assigned to the KVPD in Prora.

25X1 Comment. It appears that the organization, the missions and the personnel strength of the PK school in Berlin-Treptow has not essentially changed since late 1951. Colonel Sichel (fau) who formerly held the rank of VP Inspekteur was previously known as the commandant of the school. The report confirms that new military ranks were given to units of the Kasernierte Volkspolizei.

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